



Superior Court of California
County of Imperial

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Court Executive Officer/Jury Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Members

FROM: Jose O. Guillen, Court Executive Officer

DATE: February 22, 2007

SUBJECT: **2007-2008 Civil Grand Jury**

In an effort to obtain a well-rounded jury pool, I am requesting your assistance in recruiting persons who may be interested in serving as a Grand Juror for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Please make copies and distribute the attached questionnaire to members of your organization who you feel may be qualified and/or interested in participating. The questionnaire is also available through our web site at www.imperial.courts.ca.gov. Our goal is to get a sufficient amount of volunteers in hopes of selecting a balanced jury.

Completed questionnaires may be returned to the Jury Coordinator's office located in the lower level of the Courthouse or mailed to Imperial County Superior Court, Attn: Jury Coordinator, 939 West Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243. All questionnaires must be received by April 9, 2007.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Enc.

NEWS RELEASE

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GRAND JURY APPLICANTS NEEDED FROM ALL AREAS

Sharp, analytical individuals who like to discover the facts are needed from all areas of the county to serve on the upcoming 2007-2008 County Grand Jury. The Grand Jury is a judicial body comprised of nineteen citizens. It is impaneled to act as an “arm of the court,” as authorized by the State Constitution, to be a voice of the people and conscience of the community.

The 19-member body will carry out their work from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, as a collective body made up of committees and meeting regularly on an average three (3) hours per week. These mandatory meetings are normally held in the evenings. The stipend is \$15 per day plus mileage.

The primary duty of the civil Grand Jury is to investigate areas of government to determine if it can function better, save money, reduce staffing, and generally examine the way governments conduct business, particularly with respect to any evidence of malfeasance, misappropriation or mismanagement.

Applications are now available by telephone at (760) 482-4402 or in person at the court’s Jury Commissioner’s office located in our El Centro Courthouse and clerk’s offices in Calexico, Brawley and Winterhaven Courts. They may also be downloaded from the court’s web site at www.imperial.courts.ca.gov.

The Jury Commissioner Coordinator must receive completed applications by April 9, 2007 to include them in the applicant pool. Superior Court judges will then nominate qualified candidates for the random drawing scheduled for **June 14, 2007 at 4:00 pm**. To the extent possible, the drawing is weighted by county supervisorial district to give each area equal representation by population.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens at least 18 years old with good knowledge of the English language. They must have lived in the county at least since July 1, 2006 and pass a criminal background check. Individuals from all socio-economic groups are encouraged to apply.

Your service as a Grand Juror is both rewarding and important to ensure local government is functioning effectively and efficiently. Your service makes a difference.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

Office of the Jury Commissioner

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GRAND JURY QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please print or type)

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Contact Information: _____
(Home Phone) (Work Phone) (Cell Phone) (Email)

Driver's License No.: _____

LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I am a US Citizen and at least 18 years old. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I am presently serving on a trial jury. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I will have been a resident of Imperial County for at least 1 year by next July 1. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I have been discharged as a grand juror within the past year. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I am in possession of my natural faculties, of ordinary intelligence, of sound judgment, and fair character. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I have been convicted of malfeasance in office or a felony. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I understand the spoken and written English language. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I am presently serving as an elected public officer. |

Please summarize your educational history:

Please summarize your employment history:

Please summarize your community service history:

Have you held public office or been employed by a public agency? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(If "yes", please list all positions held)

Have you ever sued, or have ever been sued, by a public agency, have a pending action before or against a public agency, or are you presently contemplating any such suit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(If "yes", please describe details)

Do you currently have plans to be absent from Imperial County for longer than four continuous weeks from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(If "yes", please give details)

Do you have transportation to attend meetings of the grand jury? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you interested in being appointed foreperson of the grand jury? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are employed, does your employer understand the nature of the duties of a Grand Juror and will he/she permit your participation as a juror, for the period that the jury shall be in session? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Grand Jurors are required to file "Statements of Economic Interests" which are intended to disclose financial interests that may create conflicts of interests. These are not confidential. Are you willing to submit such a statement? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If selected as a Grand Juror, you will be required to swear to or affirm an oath. Have you any objections to taking such an oath or affirmation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How did you hear about the grand jury? _____

What can we do to assist you if you have any physical disability that might restrict your service as a Grand Juror? _____

Briefly state your reasons for wishing to serve as a Grand Juror:

List any areas of expertise you possess that may be helpful to the grand jury service (i.e., accounting, planning, etc.): _____

Please list hobbies you enjoy: _____

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 903.2, I understand an investigation that will include a criminal record check will be conducted to help determine my eligibility to serve as a Grand Juror. I further understand that if my name is drawn as a Grand Juror or as an alternate, I may be required to attend grand jury training; if am seated as a Grand Juror, I will be available to attend grand jury meetings and devote the required time to complete grand jury work for one year, from July through June. I further understand that if my name is drawn as an alternate, I will remain available for one year to serve as a member of the grand jury if called upon.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: _____
(Please insert date signed)

Signature: _____
(Please sign your name here)

For statistical records, please mark appropriate boxes.

Age Range; specifically: ☐ 18-25 ☐ 26-34 ☐ 35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65-74 ☐ 75 and over

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Race or Ethnicity: ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American
☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
☐ White (Anglo) ☐ Other Race or Ethnicity (Please state _____)
☐ Decline to Answer

Place of Residence by Supervisorial District:

☐ District 1 ☐ District 2 ☐ District 3 ☐ District 4 ☐ District 5

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Qualified under PC893 and PC896? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Schedule interview with jury commissioner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Dated: _____ Signature: _____
(Jury Commissioner)